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TENNESSEE LABOR MARKET REPORT

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DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 1985
TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	September 1984				Revised August 1985				Preliminary September 1985			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U. S. 1/	113,843,000	105,792,000	8,051,000	7.1	116,679,000	108,628,000	8,051,000	6.9	115,850,000	107,867,000	7,984,000	6.9
TENNESSEE 2/	2,248,700	2,074,200	174,500	7.8	2,285,000	2,098,900	186,100	8.1	2,281,700	2,112,300	169,400	7.4
MSAs												
CHATTANOOGA	202,900	189,500	13,400	6.6	210,800	196,800	14,000	6.6	206,100	192,600	13,500	6.6
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL	209,900	194,800	15,100	7.2	208,800	192,500	16,300	7.8	207,400	193,000	14,400	6.9
KNOXVILLE	262,600	242,000	20,600	7.8	258,600	239,200	19,400	7.5	259,600	241,800	17,800	6.9
MEMPHIS	430,300	402,900	27,400	6.4	442,700	412,800	29,900	6.8	442,400	415,400	27,000	6.1
NASHVILLE	484,000	459,900	24,100	5.0	504,700	479,100	25,600	5.1	501,900	480,300	21,600	4.3

1/ Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.
2/ Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

TENNESSEE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASES

Tennessee's unemployment rate declined 0.7 percentage points to 7.4 percent, the lowest rate since October 1980. This is a greater change than the ten year average decrease of 0.3 percentage points between August and September. Employment increased 13,400 while unemployment decreased 16,700. The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 6.9 percent.

Total nonagricultural employment reached a record level of 1,891,300. Most of the increase occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. Government increased 12,500 due to school reopenings and trade increased 3,600.

Manufacturing employment increased by 500 with the largest increase occurring in electrical and electronic machinery (+800). The largest decrease occurred in chemicals and allied products (-800).

The unemployment rate decreased in 77 counties, increased in 17 counties and remained unchanged in one county. Williamson County continued to have the lowest rate at 2.7 percent. Cannon County had the highest rate of 24.5 percent.

STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	September 1984	August 1985	September 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	1,833.5	1,876.8	1,891.3	+57.8	+14.5
Manufacturing	503.2	485.9	486.4	-16.8	+0.5
Durable Goods	243.9	233.4	234.8	-9.1	+1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	19.4	19.0	18.7	-0.7	-0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	26.2	26.5	27.1	+0.9	+0.6
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	15.0	15.1	15.1	+0.1	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	16.9	18.2	18.3	+1.4	+0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	38.9	38.5	38.6	-0.3	+0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	38.8	33.9	34.0	-4.8	+0.1
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	40.2	35.8	36.6	-3.6	+0.8
Transportation Equipment	28.7	26.9	26.8	-1.9	-0.1
Instruments & Related Products	9.1	9.6	9.6	+0.5	0.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.7	9.9	10.0	-0.7	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	259.3	252.5	251.6	-7.7	-0.9
Food & Kindred Products	37.3	38.1	38.7	+1.4	+0.6
Meat Products	6.9	7.4	7.4	+0.5	0.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.5	3.4	+0.3	-0.1
Tobacco Manufactures	1.2	1.4	1.4	+0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	25.5	23.2	22.8	-2.7	-0.4
Knitting Mills	12.4	11.7	11.5	-0.9	-0.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.3	1.9	2.0	-0.3	+0.1
Apparel Products	69.0	63.9	64.0	-5.0	+0.1
Paper & Allied Products	18.6	20.0	20.0	+1.4	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Indus.	30.5	29.7	29.6	-0.9	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	41.4	40.9	40.1	-1.3	-0.8
Petroleum Refining & Related Indus.	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.1	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	22.5	22.9	22.7	+0.2	-0.2
Leather & Leather Products	12.5	11.7	11.6	-0.9	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	1,330.3	1,390.9	1,404.9	+74.6	+14.0
Mining	8.2	7.3	7.5	-0.7	+0.2
Construction	80.8	80.8	81.8	+1.0	+1.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	89.7	91.9	91.7	+2.0	-0.2
Trade	421.9	457.3	460.9	+39.0	+3.6
Wholesale Trade	114.4	122.5	122.4	+8.0	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	63.7	66.7	66.3	+2.6	-0.4
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	50.7	55.8	56.1	+5.4	+0.3
Retail Trade	307.5	334.8	338.5	+31.0	+3.7
General Merchandise Stores	46.0	46.3	46.9	+0.9	+0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	87.1	92.5	91.5	+4.4	-1.0
Banking	26.5	27.9	27.8	+1.3	-0.1
Insurance Carriers	21.4	22.1	21.9	+0.5	-0.2
Services	353.0	371.8	369.7	+16.7	-2.1
Government	289.6	289.3	301.8	+12.2	+12.5
Federal	58.3	60.3	59.5	+1.2	-0.8
State & Local	231.3	229.0	242.3	+11.0	+13.3
State	67.6	67.7	69.6	+2.0	+1.9
Local	163.7	161.3	172.7	+9.0	+11.4

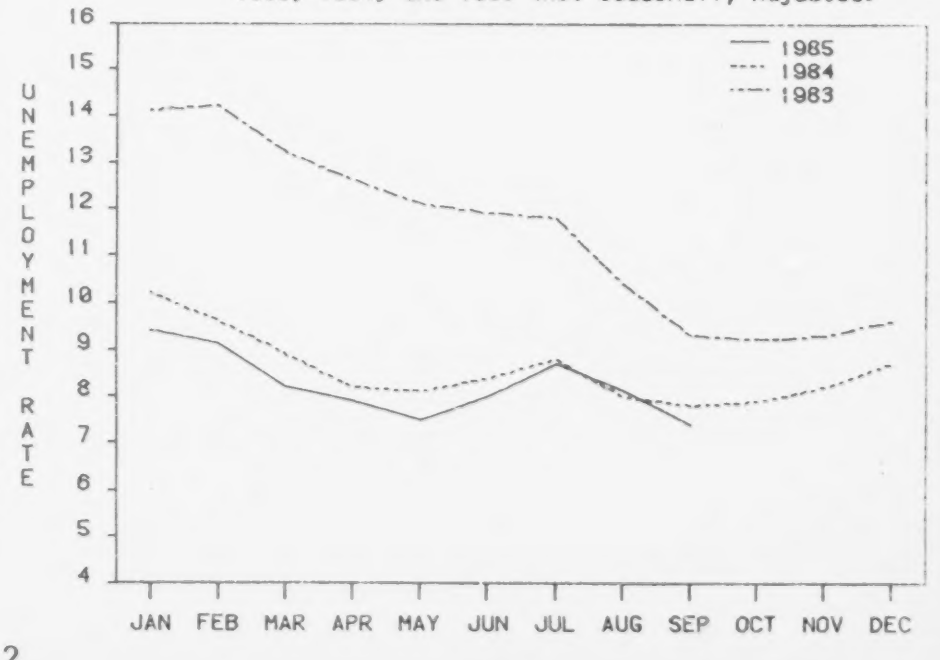
*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1985
All Manufacturing	326.79	337.83	340.72	40.9	40.9	41.2	7.99	8.26	8.27
Durable Goods	343.17	358.52	359.84	41.0	41.4	41.6	8.37	8.66	8.65
Lumber & Wood Products	223.91	223.05	226.91	40.2	39.2	39.6	5.57	5.69	5.73
Furniture & Fixtures	253.44	279.10	281.06	38.4	39.2	39.2	6.60	7.12	7.17
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	464.21	514.29	525.67	45.6	47.4	47.4	10.18	10.85	11.09
Primary Metal Industries	415.74	454.49	448.28	41.0	42.2	41.7	10.14	10.77	10.75
Fabricated Metal Products	376.85	394.48	383.39	42.2	42.6	41.9	8.93	9.26	9.15
Machinery	312.44	339.48	342.38	39.6	41.0	41.4	7.89	8.28	8.27
Instruments & Related Prod.	325.12	343.20	331.30	42.5	41.6	40.8	7.65	8.25	8.12
Nondurable Goods	310.49	317.93	321.91	40.8	40.5	40.8	7.61	7.85	7.89
Food & Kindred Products	317.18	336.07	330.47	40.2	40.2	40.4	7.89	8.36	8.18
Textile Mill Products	237.76	260.35	259.97	39.3	41.0	41.2	6.05	6.35	6.31
Apparel Products	189.13	192.75	193.36	37.6	37.5	37.4	5.03	5.14	5.17
Paper & Allied Products	449.65	425.52	435.74	45.1	41.8	43.1	9.97	10.18	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	418.35	427.18	444.88	42.3	40.3	41.5	9.89	10.60	10.72
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	372.32	393.76	407.60	42.6	42.8	43.5	8.74	9.20	9.37
Leather & Leather Products	227.75	232.96	231.09	39.2	41.6	40.9	5.81	5.60	5.65

TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1983, 1984, and 1985 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



CHATTANOOGA MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	September 1984	August 1985	September 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	176.4	184.5	182.9	+6.5	-1.6
Manufacturing	44.5	43.5	43.9	-0.6	+0.4
Durable Goods	18.1	17.0	17.4	-0.7	+0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.7	0.7	+0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	4.0	4.0	4.1	+0.1	+0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	4.9	4.4	4.5	-0.4	+0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.4	2.2	2.3	-0.1	+0.1
All Other Durable Goods	4.5	4.0	4.1	-0.4	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	26.4	26.5	26.5	+0.1	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	6.1	6.2	+0.3	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	11.1	11.4	11.2	+0.1	-0.2
Knitting Mills	2.7	2.5	2.4	-0.3	-0.1
Apparel Products	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.5	1.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	1.9	1.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.5	3.1	3.1	-0.4	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.6	1.7	+0.3	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	131.9	141.0	139.0	+7.1	-2.0
Mining	1.1	1.2	1.2	+0.1	0.0
Construction	7.8	7.8	7.7	-0.1	-0.1
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	7.2	7.3	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Trade	38.9	40.1	39.7	+0.8	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	9.8	10.6	10.6	+0.8	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.9	6.4	6.4	+0.5	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.9	4.2	4.2	+0.3	0.0
Retail Trade	29.1	29.5	29.1	0.0	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	10.4	11.1	11.1	+0.7	0.0
Services	32.4	35.4	36.5	+4.1	+1.1
Government	34.1	38.1	35.6	+1.5	-2.5
Federal	8.8	8.6	8.6	-0.2	0.0
State & Local	25.3	29.4	27.0	+1.7	-2.4
State	5.2	4.8	4.8	-0.4	0.0
Local	20.1	24.6	22.2	+2.1	-2.4

Includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Counties in Georgia.

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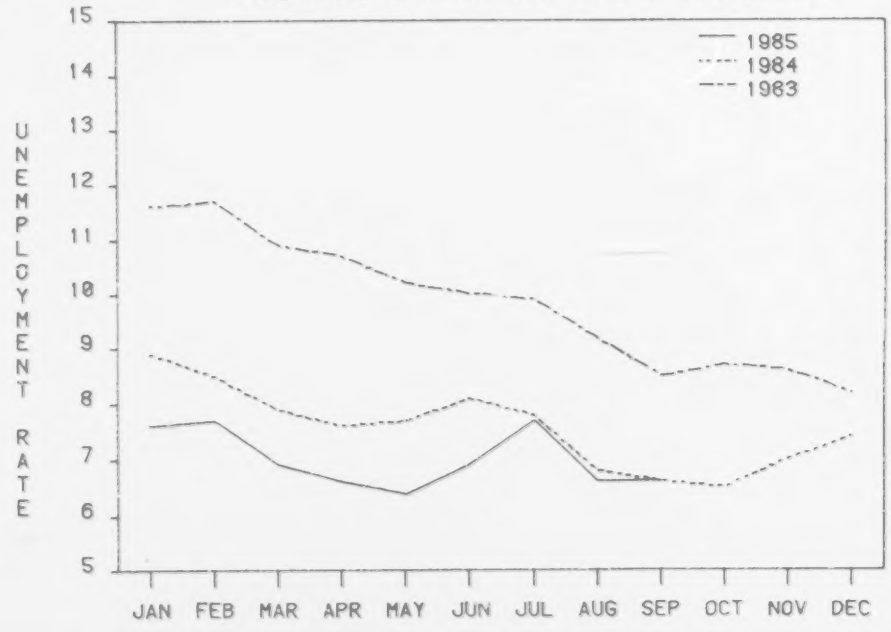
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1985
All Manufacturing	300.94	320.30	311.92	41.0	42.2	41.7	7.34	7.59	7.48
Durable Goods	346.92	370.55	349.02	42.0	43.8	42.0	8.26	8.46	8.31
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	415.01	393.69	349.16	39.3	45.2	43.0	10.56	8.71	8.12
Iron & Steel Foundries	343.26	386.06	364.42	40.1	42.8	40.9	8.56	9.02	8.91
Fabricated Metal Products	416.12	456.63	399.95	44.6	45.8	42.1	9.33	9.97	9.50
Machinery, Except Elect.	421.16	429.44	447.81	44.9	48.8	48.1	9.38	8.80	9.31
Nondurable Goods	266.93	287.58	287.87	40.2	41.2	41.6	6.64	6.98	6.92
Textile Mill Products	226.19	262.48	262.12	41.2	43.1	42.9	5.49	6.09	6.11
Knitting Mills	215.31	228.34	226.63	42.3	42.6	42.6	5.09	5.36	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	364.53	408.48	422.14	43.5	44.4	45.1	8.38	9.20	9.36
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	424.84	441.17	417.96	40.5	40.4	40.5	10.49	10.92	10.32

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1983, 1984, and 1985 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



The unemployment rate for the Chattanooga MSA remained at 6.6 percent. Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,600. The decrease occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector due to a significant drop in government (-2,400) caused by layoffs. Manufacturing reported an overall increase of 400. The increases were in primary metal industries; fabricated metal products; machinery, except electrical; and food and kindred products.

JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	150.2	149.8	151.2	+1.0	+1.4
Manufacturing	54.7	53.0	52.7	-2.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	22.0	21.2	21.2	-0.8	0.0
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.5	1.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	2.0	2.1	2.1	+0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.2	4.2	4.3	+0.1	+0.1
Machinery and Trans. Equipment	10.4	9.7	9.6	-0.8	-0.1
All Other Durable Goods	3.9	3.8	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	32.7	31.8	31.5	-1.2	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	+0.1	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	3.1	2.9	2.9	-0.2	0.0
Apparel Products	4.7	3.9	3.8	-0.9	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing, Publishing, & Allied	6.4	5.8	5.8	-0.6	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.1	16.8	16.5	+0.4	-0.3
Nonmanufacturing	95.5	96.8	98.5	+3.0	+1.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	6.1	7.9	7.9	+1.8	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	6.1	6.0	6.0	-0.1	0.0
Trade	31.0	30.3	30.4	-0.6	+0.1
Wholesale Trade	6.1	5.9	6.0	-0.1	+0.1
Retail Trade	24.9	24.4	24.4	-0.5	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.9	4.9	4.8	-0.1	-0.1
Services	23.4	23.0	23.8	+0.4	+0.8
Government	23.8	24.5	25.4	+1.6	+0.9
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
State & Local	19.3	20.0	20.9	+1.6	+0.9
State	4.9	4.6	5.4	+0.5	+0.8
Local	14.4	15.4	15.5	+1.1	+0.1

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington County, Scott County, and Bristol City in Virginia.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The unemployment rate for the Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol MSA dropped to 6.9 percent, the lowest rate since November 1980. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,400. The increase occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector due to significant increases in government and services caused by the reopening of public and private schools. Manufacturing reported an overall decrease of 300, with the largest decrease in all other nondurable goods.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985
All Manufacturing	360.80	388.89	389.73	42.1	43.5	43.4	8.57	8.94	8.98
Durable Goods	331.47	366.17	361.40	41.8	43.8	43.7	7.93	8.36	8.27
Fabricated Metal Prod.	376.49	430.86	416.10	39.3	44.1	43.8	9.58	9.77	9.50
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	345.66	367.55	370.92	43.1	43.6	44.0	8.02	8.43	8.43
Nondurable Goods	380.28	403.12	408.24	42.3	43.3	43.2	8.99	9.31	9.45
Food & Kindred Products	317.16	400.77	378.95	40.3	49.6	46.9	7.87	8.08	8.08
Apparel Products	195.58	266.46	258.62	38.2	46.1	46.1	5.12	5.78	5.61

JOHNSON CITY-KINGSPORT-BRISTOL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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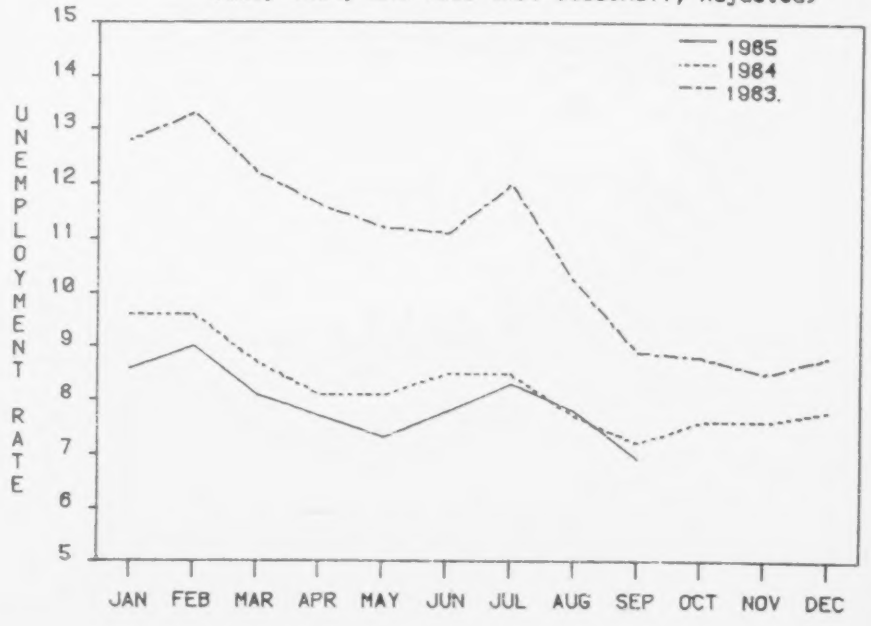

KNOXVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	September 1984	August 1985	September 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	229.2	226.7	230.6	+1.4	+3.9
Manufacturing	51.1	49.1	49.0	-2.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	29.3	27.7	27.6	-1.7	-0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	1.7	1.6	1.5	-0.2	-0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	2.2	1.9	1.9	-0.3	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	3.0	2.7	2.7	-0.3	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	20.8	19.9	19.9	-0.9	0.0
Nondurable Goods	21.8	21.3	21.4	-0.4	+0.1
Food & Kindred Products	3.9	4.2	4.0	+0.1	-0.2
Textile Mill Products	3.3	2.9	2.8	-0.5	-0.1
Apparel Products	8.1	8.0	8.1	0.0	+0.1
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.5	2.6	2.6	+0.1	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	3.7	3.8	-0.2	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	178.1	177.6	181.6	+3.5	+4.0
Mining	2.1	1.8	1.7	-0.4	-0.1
Construction	10.6	9.9	10.1	-0.5	+0.2
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.8	8.9	8.9	+0.1	0.0
Trade	53.6	56.6	55.9	+2.3	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.7	12.5	-0.4	-0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	8.5	8.4	8.2	-0.3	-0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.3	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	40.7	44.0	43.3	+2.6	-0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	9.1	9.4	9.5	+0.4	+0.1
Services	48.7	49.4	50.8	+2.1	+1.4
Government	45.2	41.5	44.7	-0.5	+3.2
Federal	8.8	7.7	7.9	-0.9	+0.2
State & Local	36.4	33.7	36.8	+0.4	+3.1
State	17.5	16.9	17.2	-0.3	+0.3
Local	18.9	16.9	19.6	+0.7	+2.7

Includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union Counties.

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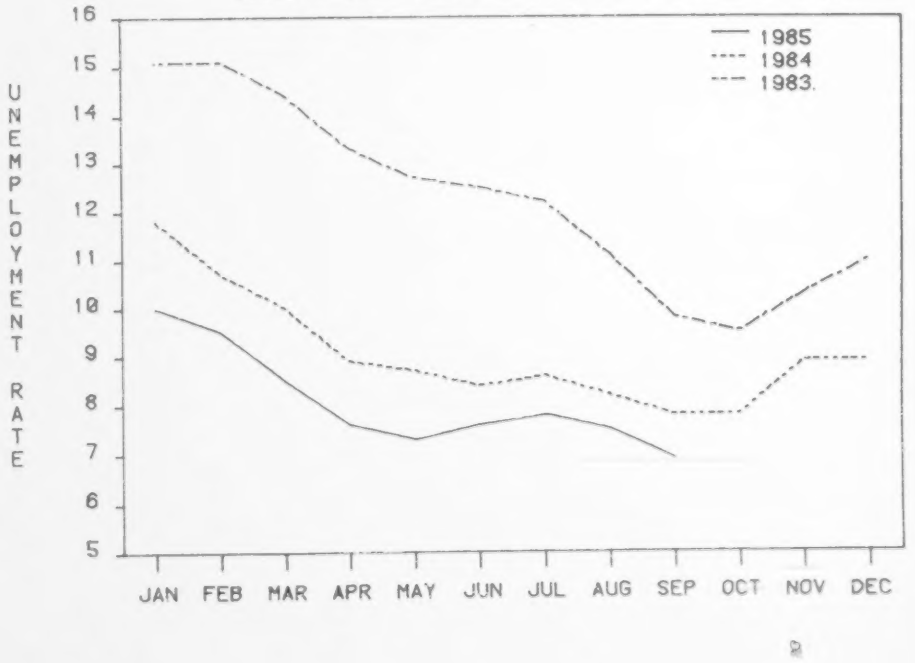
The unemployment rate for the Knoxville MSA declined from 7.5 percent to 6.9 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 3,900. The increase occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector due to significant increases in government and services caused by public and private schools reopening. Manufacturing employment decreased by 100. Food and kindred products reported the largest decrease in employment.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1985
All Manufacturing	352.55	362.25	364.56	40.2	41.4	41.1	8.77	8.75	8.87
Durable Goods	422.10	441.21	443.08	41.1	41.9	41.8	10.27	10.53	10.60
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	388.81	327.23	385.43	42.4	40.2	43.7	9.17	8.14	8.82
Machinery, Except Elect.	351.37	370.05	364.56	41.0	41.3	41.1	8.57	8.96	8.87
Nondurable Goods	261.58	269.37	271.62	39.1	41.0	40.3	6.69	6.57	6.74
Food & Kindred Products	270.60	270.94	278.20	41.0	43.7	42.8	6.60	6.20	6.50
Textile Mill Products	211.14	230.18	221.95	39.1	41.7	40.8	5.40	5.52	5.44
Apparel Products	234.12	233.31	238.75	37.7	38.5	38.2	6.21	6.06	6.25

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1983, 1984, and 1985 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



MEMPHIS MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	September 1984	August 1985	September 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	380.7	388.4	393.7	+13.0	+5.3
Manufacturing	54.2	52.4	52.2	-2.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	24.6	22.7	22.6	-2.0	-0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	2.6	2.6	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.1	1.0	1.0	-0.1	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	3.0	3.0	2.8	-0.2	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	4.9	5.0	4.9	0.0	-0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	4.5	3.8	3.8	-0.7	0.0
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	2.9	2.7	2.9	0.0	+0.2
All Other Durable Goods	6.7	5.6	5.7	-1.0	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	29.6	29.7	29.6	0.0	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	8.0	8.1	8.2	+0.2	+0.1
Bakery Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	+0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.0	+0.2
Paper & Allied Products	6.1	6.2	6.2	+0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	4.5	4.5	4.6	+0.1	+0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	6.9	7.3	6.9	0.0	-0.4
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.0	1.9	-0.4	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	326.5	336.0	341.5	+15.0	+5.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	16.8	17.1	18.2	+1.4	+1.1
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	31.4	31.8	31.3	-0.1	-0.5
Trade	104.3	107.1	107.6	+3.3	+0.5
Wholesale Trade	34.1	34.1	33.6	-0.5	-0.5
Wholesale Durable Goods	20.4	20.6	20.3	-0.1	-0.3
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.5	13.3	-0.4	-0.2
Retail Trade	70.2	73.0	74.0	+3.8	+1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	21.4	22.1	22.0	+0.6	-0.1
Services	88.6	93.4	94.5	+5.9	+1.1
Government	63.8	64.3	67.8	+4.0	+3.5
Federal	15.0	15.9	15.5	+0.5	-0.4
State & Local	48.8	48.4	52.3	+3.5	+3.9
State	12.7	12.1	12.9	+0.2	+0.8
Local	36.1	36.3	39.4	+3.3	+3.1

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee and Crittendon County in Arkansas.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985
All Manufacturing	335.34	364.79	379.30	40.5	41.5	43.2	8.28	8.79	8.78
Durable Goods	292.35	325.78	337.62	39.4	41.5	42.9	7.42	7.85	7.87
Lumber & Wood Products	196.80	212.22	223.13	40.0	40.5	42.1	4.92	5.24	5.30
Furniture & Fixtures	231.85	228.14	194.24	39.7	37.4	34.5	5.84	6.10	5.63
Nondurable Goods	377.65	401.72	419.34	41.5	41.5	43.5	9.10	9.68	9.64
Food & Kindred Products	353.08	428.86	413.82	38.8	42.8	42.4	9.10	10.02	9.76
Paper & Allied Products	435.24	433.29	468.26	46.7	43.9	46.5	9.32	9.87	10.07
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	490.78	450.73	521.14	46.3	41.2	46.2	10.60	10.94	11.28

MEMPHIS MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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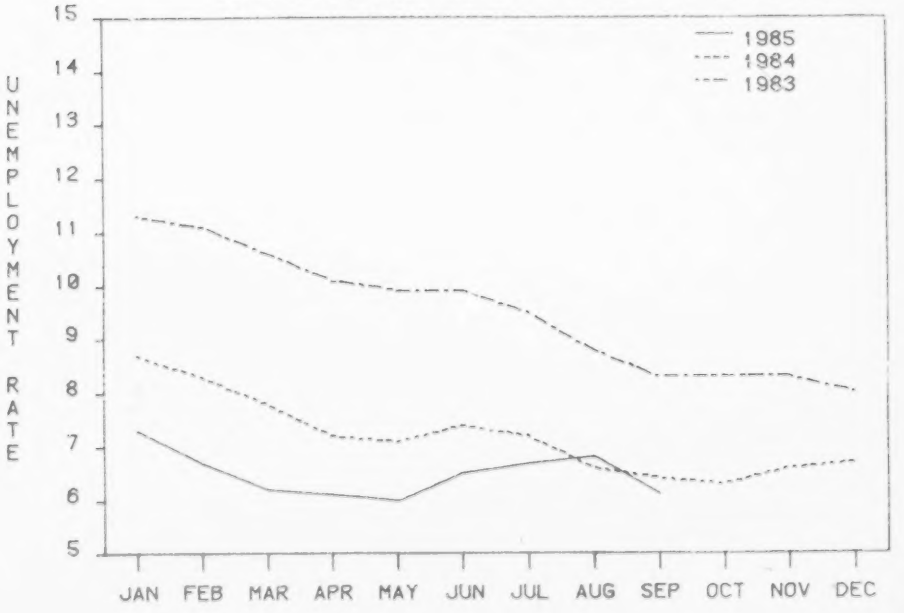

The unemployment rate for the Memphis MSA dropped to 6.1 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 5,300. The increase occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector due to significant increases in government and services caused by the reopening of public and private schools. Other industries showing a significant increase were construction (+1,100) and trade (+500). Manufacturing reported an overall decrease of 200, with the largest decreases in chemicals & allied products (-400) and furniture & fixtures (-200).

NASHVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT(in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	September 1984	August 1985	September 1985	Net Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Net Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
TOTAL	410.7	416.1	420.2	+9.5	+4.1
Manufacturing	86.5	85.2	86.3	-0.2	+1.1
Durable Goods	45.8	45.4	46.3	+0.5	+0.9
Lumber & Wood Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	+0.1	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	4.6	4.2	4.4	-0.2	+0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	7.0	6.9	6.8	-0.2	-0.1
Machinery	11.9	12.8	13.1	+1.2	+0.3
Transportation Equipment	12.3	11.4	11.7	-0.6	+0.3
All Other Durable Goods	7.6	7.6	7.8	+0.2	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	40.7	39.8	40.0	-0.7	+0.2
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	7.0	7.1	+0.3	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.0	1.8	1.8	-0.2	0.0
Apparel Products	5.6	5.0	5.0	-0.6	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	12.1	11.8	11.8	-0.3	0.0
Petroleum and Rubber	4.0	4.2	4.2	+0.2	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	3.8	3.6	3.6	-0.2	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.4	6.5	+0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	324.2	330.9	333.9	+9.7	+3.0
Construction	24.0	24.1	23.6	-0.4	-0.5
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	21.9	25.0	24.9	+3.0	-0.1
Trade	99.0	99.7	100.3	+1.3	+0.6
Wholesale Trade	26.8	28.1	27.9	+1.1	-0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	16.0	16.6	16.5	+0.5	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	10.7	11.5	11.4	+0.7	-0.1
Retail Trade	71.2	71.6	72.4	+0.2	+0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	28.8	30.7	30.5	+1.7	-0.2
Services & Miscellaneous	89.6	91.1	91.9	+2.3	+0.8
Government	61.0	60.3	62.7	+1.7	+2.4
Federal	8.7	9.2	9.2	+0.5	0.0
State & Local	52.3	51.1	53.6	+1.3	+2.5
State	22.2	22.5	22.5	+0.3	0.0
Local	30.0	28.7	31.1	+1.1	+2.4

Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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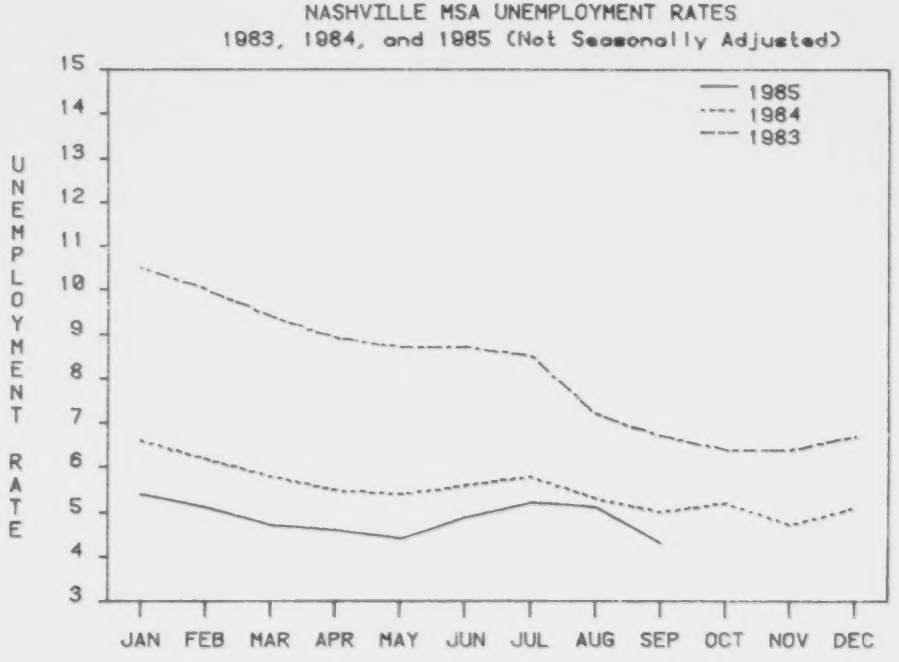
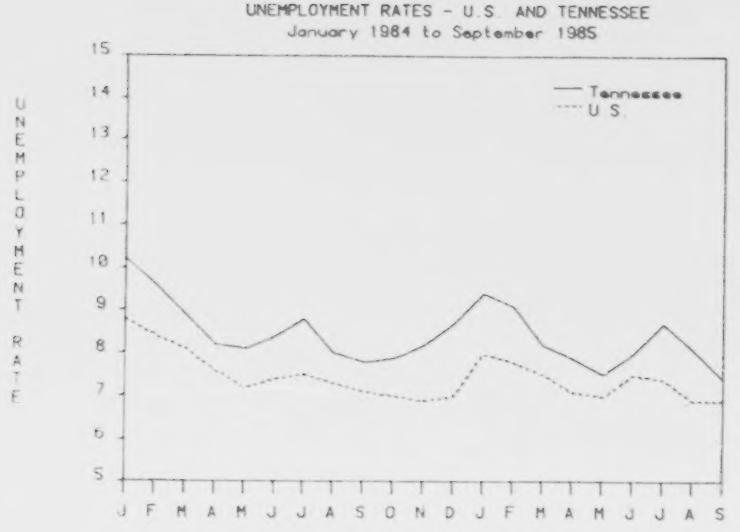
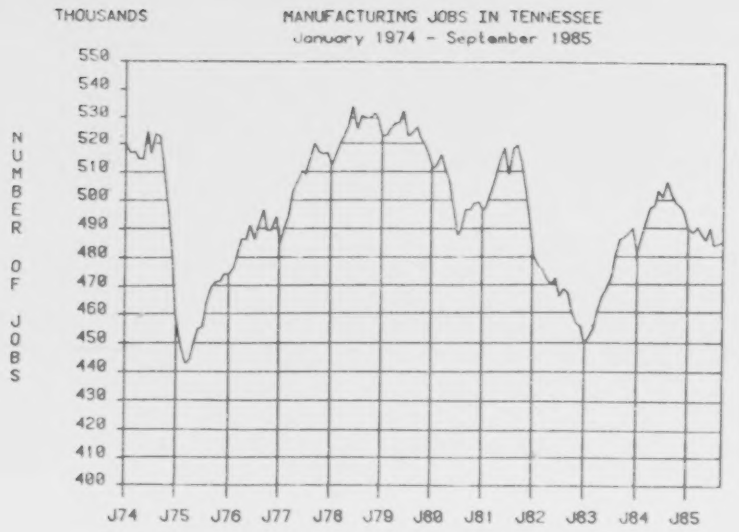
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985
All manufacturing	383.88	364.51	370.47	42.0	40.1	40.4	9.14	9.09	9.17
Durable Goods	394.70	379.60	381.02	41.2	39.5	39.2	9.58	9.61	9.72
Nondurable Goods	370.22	343.56	355.32	43.2	40.9	42.0	8.57	8.40	8.46
Food & Kindred Products	394.68	354.49	374.92	42.9	39.3	41.2	9.20	9.02	9.10
Printing & Publishing	395.85	380.40	409.04	45.5	40.0	42.3	8.70	9.51	9.67



The unemployment rate for the Nashville MSA dropped to 4.3 percent, the lowest rate since November 1979. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 4,100. Most of the increase occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. The largest increase was in government (+2,400) due to school reopenings. Manufacturing employment increased by 1,100. Transportation equipment and machinery reported the largest increases due to a plant reopening and seasonal factors.





CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CPI-U (All Urban Consumers)

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1985	Percent Change Sept. 1984 to Sept. 1985	Percent Change Aug. 1985 to Sept. 1985
(1967=100)All Items	314.5	323.5	324.5	3.2	0.3

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